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Dear ~~Dr. McAllister~~ Harmon:

I am writing to you concerning the possibility of obtaining support for a symposium that I believe might be of great interest to you and your organization. The symposium is entitled "Cytochrome P-450: Advances and Prospects" and it will be held on Sunday, April 21, 1991 just prior to the FASEB Meeting in Atlanta. The purpose of this symposium is to recognize Dr. Minor J. Coon for his many contributions to the field, and it will follow his retirement from his position as Chairman of the Department of Biological Chemistry at the University of Michigan Medical School, which he has held for 20 years. During that time, he has led the Department with skill and imagination. Dr. Coon is one of the world's most renowned biochemists and has made enormous contributions not only to biochemistry, but also to a variety of other fields in medical science. This symposium is being organized by a group of his former students and postdoctoral associates and the program features what we feel are many of the leading figures in cytochrome P-450 research today. The symposium is organized under the auspices of ASPET, and will be a part of the program for the FASEB Meeting in 1991.

Dr. Minor J. Coon has made many important contributions to the fields of cytochrome P-450 and drug metabolism. The initial separation and reconstitution of the cytochrome P-450 dependent monooxygenase system is a true landmark in the field. Since then he has made many other seminal contributions with his studies on the characterization of the individual proteins, the elucidation of the catalytic mechanism, the primary structures of the purified proteins, and the regulation of the monooxygenase system. He has been honored with many awards, including membership in the National Academy of Sciences and the B.B. Brodie Award of the Drug Metabolism Division of ASPET. Furthermore, Dr. Coon has trained many of the leading investigators in the field today. Over the years, Dr. Coon's research program in P-450 has touched many scientists throughout the world as graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research collaborators or as colleagues. Many of Jud's more than 80 students and post-doctoral associates currently hold key positions in universities and pharmaceutical companies.

A symposium accompanying a national meeting should attract many of the people that have known Dr. Coon well and also those who might be familiar with his work but not with him personally. The symposium will be held from 9:00 - 12:00 noon and 1:30-5:00 P.M. at the ASPET headquarters hotel. I have enclosed a rough draft of the program indicating the speakers and tentative titles. All of these speakers have agreed to come. At this time, the order of presentation is not fixed. Two of the speakers, Dr. Guengerich and myself, are former members of Dr. Coon's laboratory.

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Obviously, there will be some cost associated with mounting a symposium of this magnitude, and I wonder if The Council for Tobacco Research, Inc. would be willing to provide some support for this symposium? Any support obtained would be greatly appreciated and certainly would be acknowledged in the program for the symposium. Several organizations have already promised support in the range of $1,000 - $2,500, and I certainly hope that The Council for Tobacco Research, Inc. might be willing to do the same. Larger contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Any help that you could provide to help make this a successful symposium would be greatly appreciated. We also hope that you and your colleagues who might be interested would be able to attend. As the plans for the symposium progress, we will keep you informed as to the specific details. If The Council for Tobacco Research, Inc. will be able to make a contribution, please make the check to Wayne State University and indicate that it is for the "Dr. M.J. Coon Symposium".

Please do not hesitate to call me (313) 577-1580 or FAX (313) 577-6739 if you would like further information concerning this symposium.

With best regards,

Paul

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